

STAND. COM. REP. NO. 1671-22

Honolulu, Hawaii  
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RE: H.C.R. No. 121

Honorable Scott K. Saiki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-First State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2022  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Higher Education & Technology, to which was referred H.C.R. No. 121 entitled:

"HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REPORT ON THE PAMANTASAN COUNCIL'S SYSTEMWIDE EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE STATUS OF FILIPINOS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the University of Hawaii to report on the Pamantasan Council's systemwide efforts to improve the status of Filipinos at the University of Hawaii.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure from Hawai'i Friends of Civil Rights, Sariling Gawa Youth Council, Tinalak Filipino Education Council, Samahang Filipino Club at Hawai'i Community College, and twelve individuals.

Your Committee finds that the Pamantasan Council has been working diligently to ensure that programs and courses on Philippine and Filipino language, culture, and history are offered at the University of Hawaii. The Pamantasan Council has also continued its work to support Filipino students' enrollment and transfer to four-year campuses, as well as the hiring of Filipino faculty at the University of Hawaii. In 2019, the Legislature passed Act 266, which appropriated funds to the Pamantasan Council, however due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting budget

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cuts, the monies were not able to be used as intended. This measure seeks a report from the University of Hawaii on the Pamantasan Council's efforts to improve the status of Filipinos at the University of Hawaii, including resource and budgetary needs.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Higher Education & Technology that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.C.R. No. 121 and recommends its adoption.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Higher Education &  
Technology,



GREG TARAYAMA, Chair



